The Central Government, from time to time, has been requesting the State Governments to confer more financial powers on the Chief Justice of High Court.

Government Advocates

†2819. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued any guidelines regarding preparation of a list of such advocates who can plead for Government interests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that inspite of enlisting of many senior and experienced advocates junior and less experienced advocates are sent to the Supreme Court for pleading the case on behalf of Government and as a result thereof, Government have been facing failure in many cases; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when this practice would be discontinued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of K.L. Pavunny Vs. Asstt. Collector (HQ), Central Excise Collectorate, Cochin (1997) 3 Supreme Court Cases 721 issued some guidelines with regard to the engagement of advocates on behalf of Union of India in Supreme Court.

(b) The Union of India Should take care to entrust the sensitive cases of far reaching effect, in particular on question of law, to counsel who have experience and ability in that branch of law to defend their cases. Lest it is public justice that suffers and economy of the country is put in jeopardy.

(c) No, Sir. The law Officers viz., Attorney General, Solicitor General and Addl. Solicitors General are engaged with competent juniors to assist

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them in all the important cases. In the absence of any Law Officer, experienced Sr. Advocates are engaged.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of work study

†2820. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of structural and infrastructural facilities in the section in his Ministry dealing with the cases of the Supreme Court is affecting its functioning adversely;

(b) if so, whether the report submitted by the work study unit in the year 1996 has not been implemented so far; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when it's recommendations would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. Within the available resources of the Ministry, adequate structural and infrastructural facilities have been provided to the section dealing with the cases of Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The report of Work Study Unit submitted in 1996 is not relevant in the present circumstances in view of changes which have taken place since then. However, the facilities in the section dealing with the cases of Supreme Court have been augmented through application of information technology by its full computerization through National Informatics Centre.

Entry of foreign law firms

2821. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign firms are going to be allowed to practice in Indian courts;

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